

## REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted preliminarily to the issuance of an Office Action in the above identified application.

In the present application the term "metal-cutting" machining or tool bit has been used. However, this term is an inaccurate translation of the original German term "spanenden", which should have been translated as -- cutting -- machining or tool bit.

With the present Amendment applicants amended the specification, the claims, and the abstract to use the correct term "cutting" machining or tool bit.

The claims have been also amended in formal aspects to bring them in compliance with the requirements of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Claim 1 has been further amended to more clearly define the present invention. The support for the changes in claim 1 is provided in lines 24-29 on page 10 of the specification.

Applicants also canceled claim 24 and submitted a new independent claim 27 which additionally defines the present invention. The support for the features of claim 27 is provided in original claims 1 and 24 and also in the paragraph bridging pages 9 and 10 and in the paragraph bridging pages 11 and 12 of the specification.

Consideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance; he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,

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